

STATE PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5870

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE
D R A F T
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
Federal Fiscal Years 2009-2012 (October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2012)
And the D R A F T
LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
for the STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

The Rhode Island State Planning Council will conduct two public hearings to accept comments on the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the State of Rhode Island for FFY 2009-2012 and Transportation 2030, the statewide long range surface transportation plan which is also an element of the State Guide Plan.

The draft **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** is a 4-year program that schedules over \$950 million in federal and state transportation system investments which support implementation of the surface transportation element of the State Guide Plan. Projects include highway and road construction and resurfacing; bridge rehabilitation, bicycle and pedestrian projects; rail and bus projects and programs; transportation projects designed to improve air quality and reduce congestion; projects to improve traffic flow or safety; and projects that enhance the environment and communities. The TIP is updated every 4 years in accordance with federal requirements and the State Planning Council's Rules.

The draft **Plan** under consideration is a scheduled update of Transportation 2025 and includes all surface modes. The draft update incorporates new data, land use scenarios, and environmental justice analyses; new and amended goals, policies, strategies, and performance measures into the Transportation Plan. Transportation 2030 sets state policy to guide decisions involving transportation; provides a basis for measuring consistency of local comprehensive plans and other plans, programs, and projects with state policies; and provides a long-range framework for advancing projects in the TIP. The Transportation Plan is updated every four years in accordance with federal requirements to maintain eligibility for federal funds.

The two documents are available for review at the R.I. Statewide Planning Program office, One Capitol Hill, 3rd floor, Providence, RI between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and at the Program's website at www.planning.ri.gov. Copies may also be obtained by calling (401) 222-7901.

The times, date, and location of the public hearings are as follows:

**Thursday, June 26, 2008
1:00 P.M.
RI Dept. of Environmental
Management
Room 300
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI**

**Thursday, June 26, 2008
6:30 P.M. as part of the
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
RI Dept. of Environmental Management
Room 300
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI**

All persons may present their views on the draft document in person, through a representative, or by filing a written statement with the Secretary of the State Planning Council. Written statements may be mailed to Jared L. Rhodes II, Chief, RI Statewide Planning Program, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908, or submitted at a hearing. ***All comments must be received before the close of the public hearings on June 26, 2008.***

The hearing location is accessible to handicapped persons. Those requiring any accommodation for disabilities must notify Ms. Linda Resendes at (401) 222-7901 not less than 48 hours in advance of a hearing. This notice, public meetings, and comment period satisfy the public participation requirements for RIPTA's operating and capital grant programs from the Federal Transit Administration.

Jared L. Rhodes II
Secretary
State Planning Council

May 27, 2008